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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Application No. NEW NATIONAL PHASE

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Examiner

MEMBRANE ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY (MEA), METHODE FOR ITS MANUFACTURING AND A METHOD FOR PREPARING A MEMBRANE TO BE ASSEMBLED IN A MEA

APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 26, 2006

Sir:

On 14 September 2004, applicants filed International Application PCT/EP2004/010252, which designated the United States and which claimed priority of 2 European applications, the earliest having a filing date of 26 September 2003. Accordingly, the 30-month period for entering the United States expired at midnight on 26 March 2006. Since none of the elements required for entry into the national stage under 35 USC 371(c) were filed by that date, the International application became abandoned as to the United States on March 26, 2006.

Petitioner hereby states that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.

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Accompanying this potition is a proposed response, which includes all the elements required for entry into the national stage under 35 USC 371(c).

The requisite 37 CFR 1.17(m) petition fee for a large entity in the amount of \$1500.00 is authorized to be debited from counsel's Deposit Account No. 25-0120 under fee code 1453.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that International Application PCT/EP2004/010252, which unintentionally became abandoned as to the United States, be revived under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b).

Respectfully submitted,

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